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§9.5–905.

- (a) There is a Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund.
- (b) The Office may award funding from the Fund to an individual who has:
- (1) Obtained at least a level 2 in the Maryland Child Care Credential Program under § 9.5–904 of this subtitle;
- (2) Documented at least 1 year of experience working with groups of children in an approved setting; and
- (3) Been accepted by an accredited college or university for enrollment in at least one course for credit toward a degree in early childhood education or related field.
 - (c) An award under this section may only be:
 - (1) Applied toward the cost of:
 - (i) Tuition and fees; or
- (ii) Textbooks required by a course in which the awardee is enrolled; and
- (2) Used by the awardee for the actual expense of college coursework incurred subsequent to an award toward the completion of:
- (i) A college degree in early childhood education or related field; or
- (ii) Developmental coursework required to meet prerequisites for a degree program in early childhood education or related field.

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